

Dusner language

Dusner is a language spoken in the village of Dusner in the province of Papua, Indonesia. Dusner is highly endangered, and has been reported to have just three remaining speakers.^{[3][1][4]}

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Sociolinguistic situation

The language is highly endangered with only three speakers reported to be remaining.^{[3][1][4]} In 2011, researchers from Oxford University's Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics began a project to document the vocabulary and grammar of the language, in collaboration with UNIPA (State University of Papua) and UNCEN (Cenderawasih University, Papua).^{[5][6]} The project outputs were a vocabulary, a published grammar,^[3] and a website documenting the language.

Phonology

The phoneme inventory of Dusner consists of five vowels and 19 consonants (five of which are only attested in loanwords from Indonesian/Papuan Malay).^[3]

Vowels^[3]

	front	back
high	i	u
mid	e	o
low		a

Dusner

Native to

West Papua, Indonesia

Region

Cenderawasih Bay

Native speakers

3 (2011)^[1]

Language family

Austronesian

- Malayo-Polynesian
 - Central–Eastern Malayo-Polynesian
 - Eastern Malayo-Polynesian
 - South Halmahera–West New Guinea
 - Cenderawasih Bay
 - Biakic
 - Dusner–Tandia
 - Dusner**

Language codes

ISO 639-3

dsn

Glottolog

dusn1237 (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/dusn1237>)^[2]





Consonants^[3]

	labial	alveolar	postalveolar	palatal	velar	pharyngeal
plosives	p b	t d			k g	
affricates			(tʃ) (dʒ)			
fricatives	β	s				(h)
nasal stops	m	n	(ŋ)		ŋ	
liquids		r (l)				
glides	w			j		

(Phonèmes in parenthèses in the table are only attested in loanwords from Papuan Malay)

There is no tone in the language. The phonology of the language has a high number of complex syllable onsets, some of them countervailing the Sonority Sequencing Principle.

Morphology

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